

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 21, 2004

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ATTN:

Mr. Bill Biddlecome

NCDOT Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Bertie County. Windsor Bypass. US 17 from US 13-17 to east of SR 1503.

TIP R-2404A. State Project No. 6019001T. USACE Action ID No.

199400453

Dear Sir.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing to improve existing U.S. Highway 17 (US 17) to a high speed, multi-lane facility that bypasses the Town of Windsor. This new route will include a crossing of the Cashie River. Therefore, geotechnical test borings will need to be done so that the new bridge structure and foundation recommendations can be made. A private engineering firm (PEF) will be conducting the investigation with up to 57 soil borings to be performed in the area of the bridges. Of these, 47 borings will be performed in the area shown as wetland or open water on the attached site map.

The borings will be performed from an amphibious tracked carrier with a fully loaded ground pressure of 2 psi or less which should minimize the impacts on the wetland. The borings and probes will consist of turning or driving 3-inch to 8-inch diameter steel casing into the ground creating up to a 2-foot radius of disturbance around each boring for a total disturbance area of 590.6 square feet in jurisdictional areas. Other drilling tools will be inserted into the steel casing to sample the sediments and advance the hole. When the boring is completed, the steel casing will be removed.

Tracks on this vehicle may temporarily flatten vegetation in the wetland; however, complete recovery is expected by the next growing season. It may be necessary to remove some vegetation (5 inches in diameter or less) to provide access for the vehicle. This clearing will be done by hand and will be limited.

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The consultant will use rotary-wash techniques while recirculating the drilling fluids between a "mud tub" and the inside of the casing. This will isolate the drilling mud and cuttings and contain them in the boring and the "mud tub". The borings will be backfilled with the cuttings and then sealed with bentonite hole plug. The excess drilling mud and cuttings will be disposed of in the upland areas away from the wetlands and the Cashie River.

At the request of the NCWRC, a full moratorium of any in stream work from February 15 to September 30 will be observed. This moratorium also prohibits any construction in the wetlands adjacent to the Cashie River.

The NCDOT anticipates that these activities will be authorized by a Nationwide Permit No. 06. NCDOT will follow the conditions set by a Nationwide Permit No. 6 and by NCDWQ Water Quality Certification #3376. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Chris Rivenbark at (919) 715-1460 or crivenbark@dot.state.nc.us. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Environmental Management Director Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

W/attachment

Mr. John Hennessy, Division of Water Quality (7 copies)

Mr. Travis Wilson, NCWRC

Ms. Cathy Brittingham, NCDCM

Ms. Lynn Mathis, NCDCM

Mr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics

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Mr. Njoroge W. Wainaina, P.E., Geotechnical Unit

Mr. Don Conner, P.E., Division Engineer

Mr. Clay Willis, DEO

W/o attachment

Mr. David Franklin, USACE, Wilmington (Cover Letter Only)

Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design

Mr. Omar Sultan, Programming and TIP

Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design

Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental

Ms. Stacy Baldwin, P.E., PDEA

Offic	e Use	e Only:			Form Version May 2002
USACE Action ID No.			DWQ No		
		(If any particular item is n	ot applicable to this pro	oject, please e	enter "Not Applicable" or "N/A".)
I.	Pr	ocessing			
	1.	Check all of the approx		this project	Riparian or Watershed Buffer Rules Isolated Wetland Permit from DWQ
	<u>2.</u>	Nationwide, Regional	or General Permit N	Number(s) F	Requested: Nationwide 6
	3.	If this notification is so is not required, check h	•	y because v	written approval for the 401 Certification
	4.		verify availability		ation Program (NCWRP) is proposed for RP prior to submittal of PCN), complete
	5.	4), and the project is	within a North C	arolina Div	twenty coastal counties (listed on page vision of Coastal Management Area of ther details), check here:
II.	Ap	oplicant Information			
	1.	Owner/Applicant Infor Name: Mailing Address:	North Carolina		t of Transportation Raleigh, NC 27699
		Telephone Number: 9 E-mail Address:	19-733-7844		Number: 919-715-1501
	2.	must be attached if the Name:	Agent has signator	y authority	copy of the Agent Authorization letter for the owner/applicant.)
		Mailing Address:			
		Telephone Number: E-mail Address:		Fax	Number:

III. Project Information

Attach a **vicinity map** clearly showing the location of the property with respect to local landmarks such as towns, rivers, and roads. Also provide a detailed **site plan** showing property boundaries and development plans in relation to surrounding properties. Both the vicinity map and site plan must include a scale and north arrow. The specific footprints of all buildings, impervious surfaces, or other facilities must be included. If possible, the maps and plans should include the appropriate USGS Topographic Quad Map and NRCS Soil Survey with the property boundaries outlined. Plan drawings, or other maps may be included at the applicant's discretion, so long as the property is clearly defined. For administrative and distribution purposes, the USACE requires information to be submitted on sheets no larger than 11 by 17-inch format; however, DWQ may accept paperwork of any size. DWQ prefers full-size construction drawings rather than a sequential sheet version of the full-size plans. If full-size plans are reduced to a small scale such that the final version is illegible, the applicant will be informed that the project has been placed on hold until decipherable maps are provided.

1.	. Name of project: Windsor Bypass – US 17 from US 13-17 to east of SR 1503					
2.	T.I.P. Project Number or State Project Number (NCDOT Only): R-2404A					
3.	Property Identification Number (Tax PIN):					
4.	Location County: Bertie Nearest Town: Windsor Subdivision name (include phase/lot number): Directions to site (include road numbers, landmarks, etc.):					
5.	Site coordinates, if available (UTM or Lat/Long): 36° 00' 48.5014" / 76° 56' 51.5314" (Note – If project is linear, such as a road or utility line, attach a sheet that separately lists the coordinates for each crossing of a distinct waterbody.)					
6.	Property size (acres):					
7.	Nearest body of water (stream/river/sound/ocean/lake): Cashie River					
8.	River Basin: Roanoke (Note – this must be one of North Carolina's seventeen designated major river basins. The River Basin map is available at http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/admin/maps/ .)					
9.	Describe the existing conditions on the site and general land use in the vicinity of the project at the time of this application: Forested					

- 10. Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equipment to be used:

 The borings will be performed from an amphibious tracked carrier with a fully loaded ground pressure of 2 psi or less. The borings and probes will consist of turning or driving 3-inch to 8-inch diameter steel casing into the ground creating up to a 2-foot radius of disturbance around each boring. Other drilling tools will be inserted into the steel casing to sample the sediments and advance the hole.
- 11. Explain the purpose of the proposed work: The Geotechnical Unit is in the process of planning a site characterization investigation for the foundation design for a new bridge on new alignment for US 17 bypass. A contractor will be conducting the investigation with up to 57 soil borings to be performed in the area of the bridges. Of these, 47 borings will be performed in the area shown as wetland or open water on the attached site map.

IV. Prior Project History

If jurisdictional determinations and/or permits have been requested and/or obtained for this project (including all prior phases of the same subdivision) in the past, please explain. Include the USACE Action ID Number, DWQ Project Number, application date, and date permits and certifications were issued or withdrawn. Provide photocopies of previously issued permits, certifications or other useful information. Describe previously approved wetland, stream and buffer impacts, along with associated mitigation (where applicable). If this is a NCDOT project, list and describe permits issued for prior segments of the same T.I.P. project, along with construction schedules.

Action ID No. 199400453. Dates of verification for streams (October 30, 2001, November 9, 2001), dates of verification for wetlands (September 6, 2001, October 30, 2001.

Action ID No. 199400838 Section B completed on 01/03/01, Section C completed on 05 18 00

V. Future Project Plans

Are any future permit requests anticipated for this project? If so, describe the anticipated work, and provide justification for the exclusion of this work from the current application.

It is anticipated that an Individual Permit will be required for impacts to 130 ac of jurisdictional wetlands and 613 linear feet of stream impacts due to the proposed improvements to existing U.S. Highway 17 (US 17) to a high speed, multi-lane facility that bypasses the Town of Windsor. The project study area consists of a single corridor that extends for approximately 9.1 miles through the coastal county of Bertie around the Town of Windsor

VI. Proposed Impacts to Waters of the United States/Waters of the State

It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to wetlands, open water, and stream channels associated with the project. The applicant must also provide justification for these impacts in Section VII below. All proposed impacts, permanent and temporary, must be listed herein, and must be clearly identifiable on an accompanying site

plan. All wetlands and waters, and all streams (intermittent and perennial) must be shown on a delineation map, whether or not impacts are proposed to these systems. Wetland and stream evaluation and delineation forms should be included as appropriate. Photographs may be included at the applicant's discretion. If this proposed impact is strictly for wetland or stream mitigation, list and describe the impact in Section VIII below. If additional space is needed for listing or description, please attach a separate sheet.

1. Provide a written description of the proposed impacts:
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the area of the bridges. Of these, 47 borings will be performed in the area shown as wetland of
open water on the attached site map.

2. Individually list wetland impacts below:

	Area of	Located within	Distance to	
Type of Impact*	Impact	100-year Floodplain**	Nearest Stream	Type of Wetland***
	(acres)	(yes/no)	(linear feet)	
	Type of Impact*	Type of Impact* Impact	Type of Impact* Impact 100-year Floodplain**	Type of Impact* Impact 100-year Floodplain** Nearest Stream

^{*} List each impact separately and identify temporary impacts. Impacts include, but are not limited to: mechanized clearing, grading, fill, excavation, flooding, ditching/drainage, etc. For dams, separately list impacts due to both structure and flooding.

List the total acreage (estimated) of all existing wetlands on the property:	
Total area of wetland impact proposed:	

3. Individually list all intermittent and perennial stream impacts below:

Stream Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Type of Impact*	Length of Impact (linear feet)	Stream Name**	Average Width of Stream Before Impact	Perennial or Intermittent? (please specify)
See attached sheet					

^{*} List each impact separately and identify temporary impacts. Impacts include, but are not limited to: culverts and associated rip-rap, dams (separately list impacts due to both structure and flooding), relocation (include linear feet before and after, and net loss/gain), stabilization activities (cement wall, rip-rap, crib wall, gabions, etc.), excavation, ditching/straightening, etc. If stream relocation is proposed, plans and profiles showing the linear footprint for both the original and relocated streams must be included.

^{** 100-}Year floodplains are identified through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), or FEMA-approved local floodplain maps. Maps are available through the FEMA Map Service Center at 1-800-358-9616, or online at http://www.fema.gov.

^{***} List a wetland type that best describes wetland to be impacted (e.g., freshwater/saltwater marsh, forested wetland, beaver pond, Carolina Bay, bog, etc.) Indicate if wetland is isolated (determination of isolation to be made by USACE only).

^{**} Stream names can be found on USGS topographic maps. If a stream has no name, list as UT (unnamed tributary) to the nearest downstream named stream into which it flows. USGS maps are available through the USGS at 1-800-358-9616, or online at www.usgs.gov. Several internet sites also allow direct download and printing of USGS maps (e.g., www.topozone.com, <a href="https://

	ally list all open wat nd any other water of	-	•	estuaries, sounds, Atlantic
Open Water Impact Site Number (indicate on map)	Type of Impact*	Area of Impact (acres)	Name of Waterbody (if applicable)	Type of Waterbody (lake, pond, estuary, sound, bay, ocean, etc.)
See attached sheet				
* List each impact sep flooding, drainage, b		rary impacts.	Impacts include, but are not lin	mited to: fill, excavation, dredging,
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	watershed draining to		Expected pon	nd surface area:
VII. Impact Jus	tification (Avoidance	e and Mini	mization)	
information financial via site layouts, were minim techniques t When the bowash technicasing. This "mud tub". plug. The e	related to site constration of the project. and explain why the lized once the desired to be followed during oring is completed, the ques while recirculates will isolate the drilling the borings will be be	nints such a The applica se design o d site plan construction e steel casin ng the drilli ng mud and ackfilled w	s topography, building or ant may attach drawings ptions were not feasible. was developed. If apple n to reduce impacts. ng will be removed. The or ing fluids between a "mud cuttings and contain the ith the cuttings and then	It may be useful to provide rdinances, accessibility, and of alternative, lower-impact Also discuss how impacts icable, discuss construction contractor will use rotaryd tub" and the inside of the m in the boring and the sealed with bentonite hole upland areas away from the

Cumulative impacts (linear distance in feet) to all streams on site:

VIII. Mitigation

DWQ - In accordance with 15A NCAC 2H .0500, mitigation may be required by the NC Division of Water Quality for projects involving greater than or equal to one acre of impacts to freshwater wetlands or greater than or equal to 150 linear feet of total impacts to perennial streams.

USACE – In accordance with the Final Notice of Issuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits, published in the Federal Register on March 9, 2000, mitigation will be required when necessary to ensure that adverse effects to the aquatic environment are minimal. Factors including size and type of proposed impact and function and relative value of the impacted aquatic resource will be considered in determining acceptability of appropriate and practicable mitigation as proposed. Examples of mitigation that may be appropriate and practicable include, but are not limited to: reducing the size of the project; establishing and maintaining wetland and/or upland vegetated buffers to protect open waters such as streams; and replacing losses of aquatic resource functions and values by creating, restoring, enhancing, or preserving similar functions and values, preferable in the same watershed.

If mitigation is required for this project, a copy of the mitigation plan must be attached in order for USACE or DWQ to consider the application complete for processing. Any application lacking a required mitigation plan or NCWRP concurrence shall be placed on hold as incomplete. An applicant may also choose to review the current guidelines for stream restoration in DWQ's Draft Technical Guide for Stream Work in North Carolina, available at http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/ncwetlands/strmgide.html.

1.	Provide a brief description of the proposed mitigation plan. The description should provide
	as much information as possible, including, but not limited to: site location (attach directions
	and/or map, if offsite), affected stream and river basin, type and amount (acreage/linear feet)
	of mitigation proposed (restoration, enhancement, creation, or preservation), a plan view,
	preservation mechanism (e.g., deed restrictions, conservation easement, etc.), and a
	description of the current site conditions and proposed method of construction. Please attach
	a separate sheet if more space is needed.

N/A			

2. Mitigation may also be made by payment into the North Carolina Wetlands Restoration Program (NCWRP). Please note it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the NCWRP at (919) 733-5208 to determine availability and to request written approval of mitigation prior to submittal of a PCN. For additional information regarding the application process for the NCWRP, check the NCWRP website at http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/wrp/index.htm. If use of the NCWRP is proposed, please check the appropriate box on page three and provide the following information:

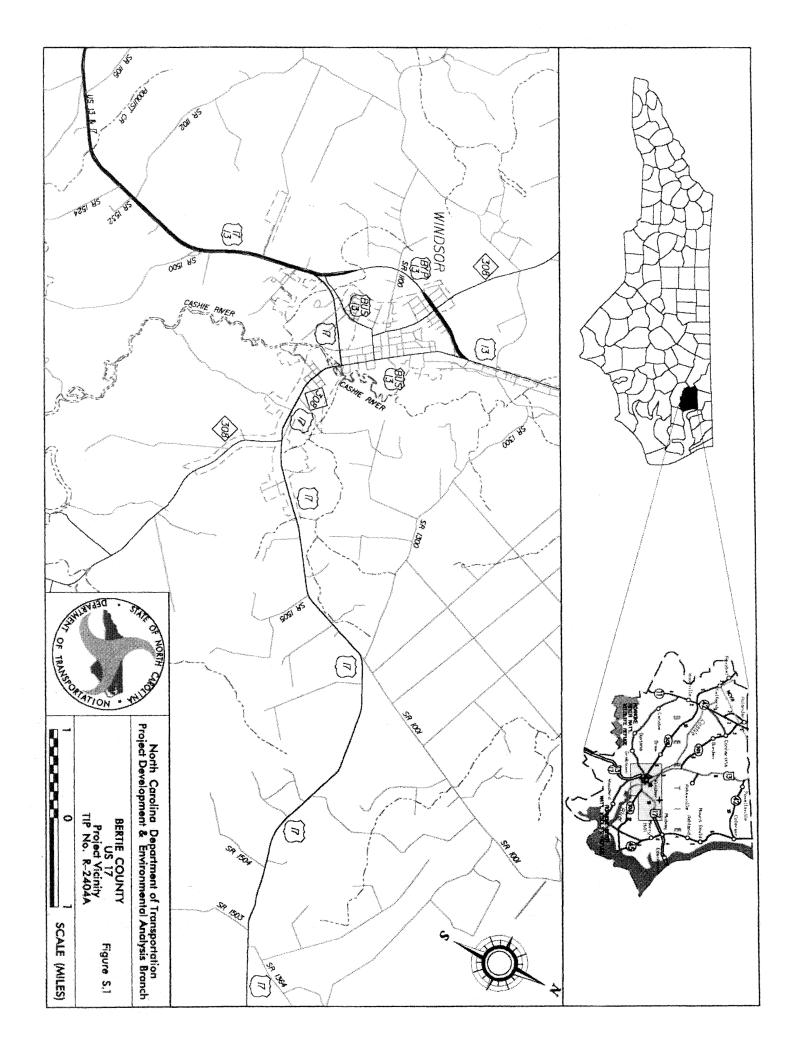
Amount of stream mitigation requested (linear feet):	N/A
Amount of buffer mitigation requested (square feet):	

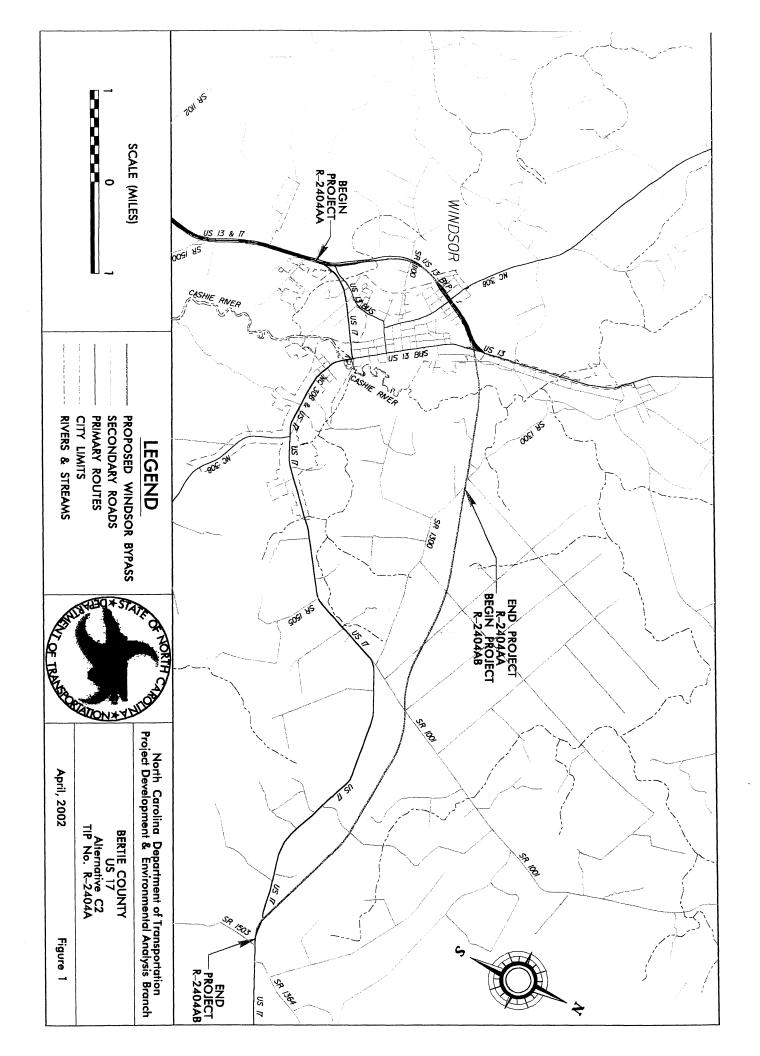
	Amount of Riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres):
	Amount of Non-riparian wetland mitigation requested (acres):
	Amount of Coastal wetland mitigation requested (acres):
IX.	Environmental Documentation (required by DWQ)
	Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land? Yes No No
	If yes, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)? Note: If you are not sure whether a NEPA/SEPA document is required, call the SEPA coordinator at (919) 733-5083 to review current thresholds for environmental documentation. Yes No
	If yes, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearinghouse? If so, please attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter. Yes No
X.	Proposed Impacts on Riparian and Watershed Buffers (required by DWQ)
	It is the applicant's (or agent's) responsibility to determine, delineate and map all impacts to required state and local buffers associated with the project. The applicant must also provide justification for these impacts in Section VII above. All proposed impacts must be listed herein, and must be clearly identifiable on the accompanying site plan. All buffers must be shown on a map, whether or not impacts are proposed to the buffers. Correspondence from the DWQ Regional Office may be included as appropriate. Photographs may also be included at the applicant's discretion.
	required state and local buffers associated with the project. The applicant must also provide justification for these impacts in Section VII above. All proposed impacts must be listed herein, and must be clearly identifiable on the accompanying site plan. All buffers must be shown on a map, whether or not impacts are proposed to the buffers. Correspondence from the DWQ Regional Office may be included as appropriate. Photographs may also be included at the

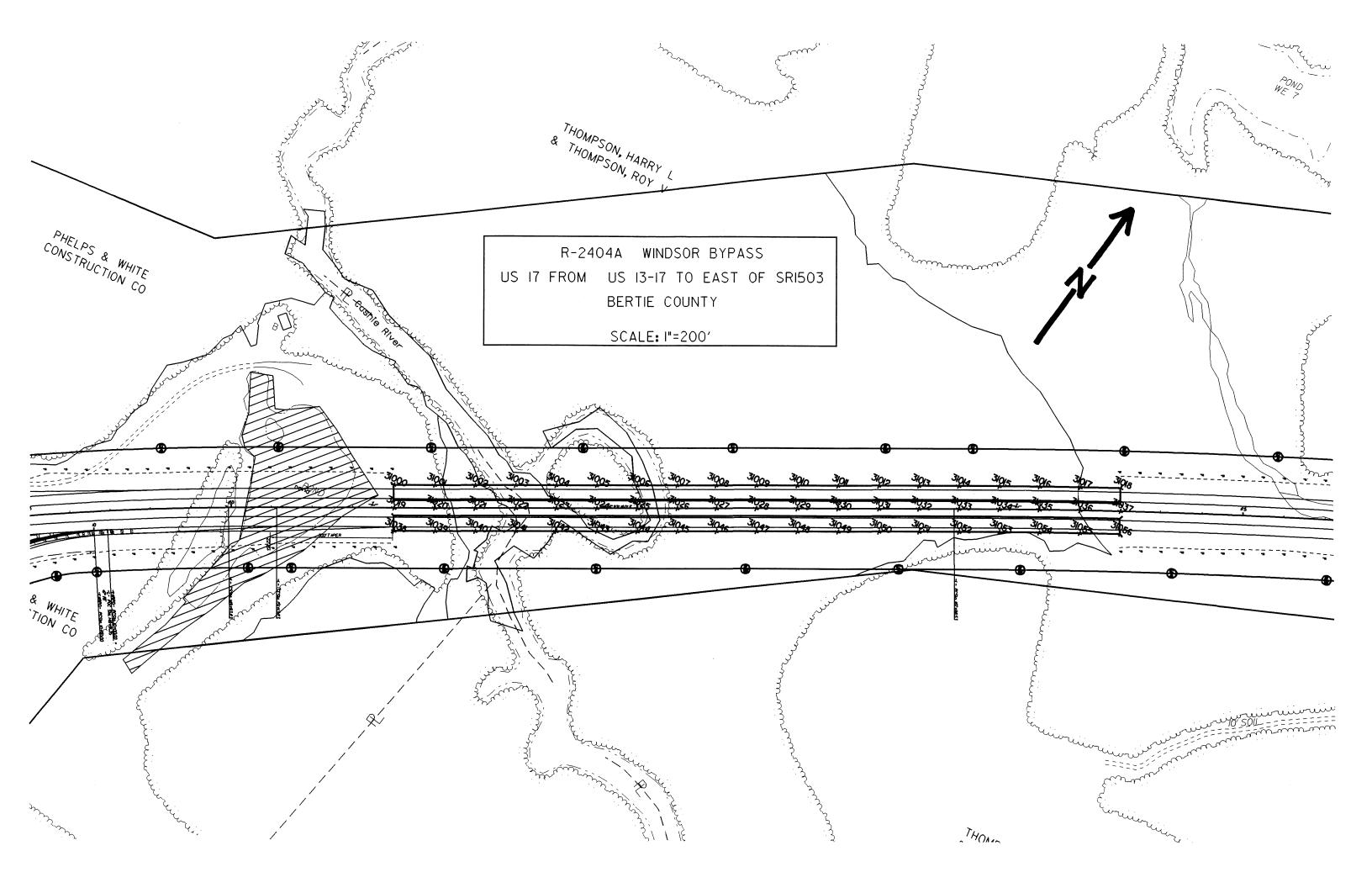
Zone*	Impact (square feet)	Multiplier	Required Mitigation
1		3	
2		1.5	
Total			

Zone 1 extends out 30 feet perpendicular from near bank of channel; Zone 2 extends an additional 20 feet from the edge of Zone 1.

	Stormwater (required by DWQ)				
	Describe impervious acreage (both existing and proposed) versus total acreage on the site. Discuss stormwater controls proposed in order to protect surface waters and wetlands downstream from the property.				
•	Sewage Disposal (required by DWQ)				
	Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge) of wastewater generated from the proposed project, or available capacity of the subject facility.				
I.	Violations (required by DWQ)				
	Is this site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500) or any Buffer Rules? Yes No				
	Is this an after-the-fact permit application? Yes □ No □				
•	Other Circumstances (Optional):				
	It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the application sufficiently in advance of desired construction dates to allow processing time for these permits. However, an applicant may choose to list constraints associated with construction or sequencing that may impose limits on work schedules (e.g., draw-down schedules for lakes, dates associated with Endangered and Threatened Species, accessibility problems, or other issues outside of the applicant's control).				







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